

of less than five thousand, but having an aggregate population of more than five thousand) by resolution declares that there is a need for one housing authority for all of such municipalities to exercise in such municipalities the powers and other functions prescribed for a housing authority, a public body corporate and politic to be known as a consolidated housing authority (with such corporate name as it selects) shall thereupon exist for all of such municipalities and exercise its powers and other functions within its area of operation (as herein defined), including the power to undertake projects therein; and thereupon any housing authority created for any of such municipalities shall cease to exist except for the purpose of winding up its affairs and executing a deed of its real property to the consolidated housing authority: Provided, that the creation of a consolidated housing authority and the finding of need therefor shall be subject to the same provisions and limitations of this Housing Authorities Law as are applicable to the creation of a regional housing authority and that all of the provisions of this Housing Authorities Law applicable to regional housing authorities and the commissioners thereof shall be applicable to consolidated housing authorities and the commissioners thereof: Provided, further, that the area of operation or boundaries of a consolidated housing authority shall include all of the territory within the boundaries of each municipality joining in the creation of such authority together with the territory within ten miles of the boundaries of each such municipality, except that such area of operation may be changed to include or exclude any municipality or municipalities (with its aforesaid surrounding territory) in the same manner and under the same provisions as provided in this Act for changing the area of operation of a regional housing authority by including or excluding a contiguous county or counties: Provided, further, that for all such purposes the term 'board of county commissioners' shall be construed as meaning 'governing body' except in Section thirty-six of this Act, where it shall be construed as meaning 'mayor' or other executive head of the municipality, the term 'county' shall be construed as meaning 'municipality,' the term 'clerk' shall be construed as meaning 'clerk of the municipality or officer with similar duties,' the term 'region' shall be construed as meaning 'area of operation of the consolidated housing authority' and the terms 'county housing authority' and 'regional housing authority' shall be construed as meaning 'housing authority of the city' and 'consolidated housing authority,' respectively, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

Powers and functions.

Effect on existing municipal authority.

Provisions and limitations same as those applicable to regional authority.

Area included in consolidated authority.

Change of area.

Certain words construed.

"The governing body of any such municipality for which a housing authority has not been created may adopt the above resolution if it first determines that there is a need for a housing authority to function in said municipality, which determination shall be made in the same manner and subject to the same

Determination of need for authority.